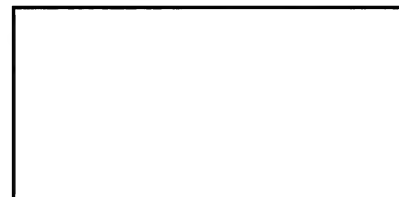


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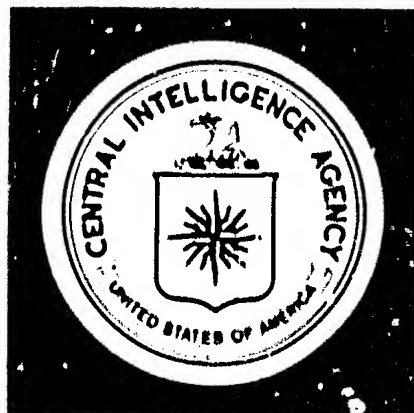
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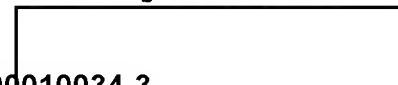
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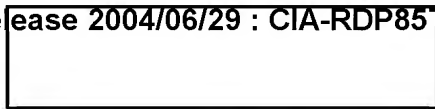
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VIETNAMHanoi's Leaders to Visit Peking

First Secretary Le Duan and Premier Pham Van Dong are to lead a North Vietnamese party-government delegation on an "official friendly" visit to China in early June, according to NCNA. The North Vietnamese have not yet announced the trip, which NCNA says will take place at Chinese invitation.

Le Duan's presence on the delegation indicates the North Vietnamese attach great importance to this visit. He rarely leaves North Vietnam and is not known to have made an extended visit to Peking in years. The delegation is sure to discuss bilateral Sino-North Vietnamese relations. Talks in this area could encompass not only current efforts to improve the implementation of the Paris accord and perhaps trade and aid matters, but also the broader aspects of the relationship between the two countries throughout Southeast Asia. The two sides may also discuss the terms of a negotiated settlement in Cambodia--a topic on which Sihanouk's followers in Peking have recently been putting out a tough line.

There is no indication whether the North Vietnamese plan to visit Moscow as well, but they would have time to do so before Brezhnev leaves for the US on 18 June.

Communists Order Adherence to New Cease-Fire "Agreement"

COSVN has instructed subordinate party committees that they are "not to prepare for any renewal of fighting," but are to press ahead with the economic and political development of Viet Cong held areas. They were told that the talks between Le Duc Tho and Dr. Kissinger would lead to a "true political settlement," and a "real agreement," and that there would be "no rekindling of the war." These instructions, which are essentially a reiteration of COSVN political

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struggle orders issued last January, say that the primary tasks for the Communists are to:

- develop commercial relations with local government authorities,
- attract businesses and factories to the "liberated" areas, and
- move large numbers of civilians into Communist zones for permanent settlement.

This "once in a lifetime" opportunity is possible, according to COSVN, because the Communists are certain that by early June:

- "all hostilities will end,"
- the US will not return,
- the government "will accept the real cease-fire agreement" and allow "free travel and trade" between Communist and government-controlled zones,
- there will be a cease-fire in Cambodia, which will facilitate trade and other economic endeavors across South Vietnam's borders.

The Communist command apparently is trying to ensure that these orders are clearly understood by subordinate officials.

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Prime Minister Souvanna has apparently decided to make at least one more concession to get the negotiations moving. He has instructed his chief military negotiator to propose that pro-Communist "neutralist" units be used as part of the joint security force for Vientiane and Luang Prabang. The Communists have been saying that government refusal to accept a joint military force is a major obstacle to the conclusion of the military accord.

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